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(Utility, Design, National Stage of PCT)

As a below named inventor	, I	hereby	declare	that:
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TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

(Check one applicable item below)

- [] utility patent application
- [] design patent application
- [x] national stage of PCT patent application

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION²

OPTICAL FIBER AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

e specification of which:	(complete (a), (b), or (c))
(a) [] is attached heret	io.
(b) [] was previously	filed, as United States Patent Application
Serial No.	•
(c) [x] was described <u>PCT/JP2004/01</u> Article 8 19 on	and claimed in PCT International Application No 1625 filed on August 12, 2004 and as amended under PCT (if any).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the declaration, referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM

(35 USC § 119(a)-(d))

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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(d) [] no such applications have been filed.

(e) [x] such applications have been filed as follows.

Note: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. itself claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below, and make the priority claim.

PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS ⁴ (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)

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U.S. PRIORITY CLAIM⁵ (35 USC § 120)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America listed below, if any, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of title 35 USC § 112, I acknowledge duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international application filing date of this application.

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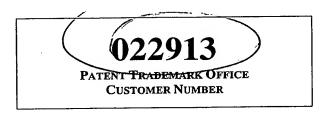
PROVISIONAL APPLICATION CLAIM⁶ (35 USC § 119(e))

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC § 119(e) of any United States Provisional application listed below, if any.

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